

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A carrier information terminal 300 includes a tracing module 302 that detects the current position of a transportation medium. In a physical distribution information server 100, an information management module 112 registers and occasionally updates the detected current position in a database 102 as part of physical distribution information. The information management module 112 also registers cargo information input by a shipper into a shipper information terminal 200 and freight information input by a carrier into the carrier information terminal 300 as part of the physical distribution information. The information management module 112 retrieves the physical distribution information to find an address of the shipper with regard to a cargo that satisfies a predetermined condition allowing delivery by the carrier, as well as the current position of the transportation medium by the carrier. Results of the retrieval are processed by an information processing module 114 and are supplied to the carrier information terminal 300 to be displayed.

This arrangement enhances the convenience of all the carrier, the shipper, and the recipient and improves the transportation efficiency of the carrier.